satellite of Saturn will be a hundred years after this present time, but he cannot say in what state his bodily health may be an hour hence. *The objects within the range of man's fore-sight are placed beyond his power, while the objects within his power lie beyond his foresight.* In the one case, man's knowledge increases without an increase of his power; and in the other, his power is rendered ineffectual by his want of knowledge. By the one contrivance as by the other, while not shut out from knowledge on the one hand, nor precluded from activity on the other, he is yet, both in regard to his knowledge and activity, rendered dependent on the arrangements of heaven.

We do riot mean to undervalue the power which knowledge confers; but there are anticipations entertained in the present day on this subject, which are destined to meet with bitter disappointment. Knowledge must extend in one or other of two departments ; either in departments of nature beyond man's reach, as in those investigated in astronomy and natural philosophy, or in departments more within his control, and which fall under chemistry and natural history, under physiology and political and social economy. But so far as knowledge increases in the former, it brings with it no efficient power, for the objects are beyond his influence. He cannot control, the smallest satellite or aerolite in its course, nor direct any of the great physical agents of nature. No doubt, there are other natural objects within his reach—lie can, experiment on the chemical elements, and make new dispositions of the vegetable and animal worlds ; but then, in regard to these agents of nature, his foreknowledge is very contracted; for they are so involved one with another, that it would require a superhuman sagacity from a knowledge of the laws to predict the actual results. Man can

tell how fast the earth moves in its orbit; but his knowledge does not enable him to stay or hasten it in its course, lie can experiment with the elements of the atmosphere; but lie cannot tell how the wind may be blowing at the close of his experiment, lie can reach the plants and animals around him, and so far modify them ; but then the plant which he is training with such pains may die in the midst of his operations; and the animated being which he expects to help him may be carried off by disease when its aid is Aost required.

Knowledge is power; and why is it power ?

Because it imparts